

Claims

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 5 1. A method for providing an extended electronic program guide, comprising the steps of:

generating at least one recorded material data base of recorded material;

- 10 generating a live stream data base or using an existent, pre-generated database, with a known format of live stream data; and

integrating the live stream data base with the at least one recorded material data base to produce an extended electronic program guide.

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2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the recorded material includes at least one of: a link to information related to the content of a recorded information stream, video streams, still images, audio streams, and closed captioning information.

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3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the recorded material is material derived from a source of digital data.

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4. The method according to claim 1, wherein respective recorded material of a plurality of recorded materials is derived from a respective source of digital data of a plurality of digital data.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the recorded material data base includes, for predetermined stored recorded material data, identification data, and at least one of optional ones: time recorded, time duration, actors/actresses, rating, and password.

6. A system for providing an extended electronic program guide, comprising:

at least one recorded material data base of recorded material;

5 a live stream data base of live stream data; and

a data base integrator operatively connected to the at least one recorded material and the live stream data base, the integrator producing an extended electronic program guide from the live stream data and the at least one recorded material data base.

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7. The system according to claim 6, wherein the recorded material is time shifted data of predetermined live stream data.

8. The system according to claim 6, wherein the recorded material is material
15 derived from a source of digital data.

9. The system according to claim 6, wherein respective recorded material of a plurality of recorded materials is derived from a respective source of digital data of a plurality of digital data.

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10. The system according to claim 6, wherein the recorded material data base includes, for predetermined stored recorded material data, identification data, and at least one of data representing : time recorded, time duration, actors/actresses, rating, and password.

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11. A system for providing an extended electronic program guide, comprising:
a plurality of digital material data bases of digital material; and
a data base integrator operatively connected to the a plurality of digital material
5 data bases, the integrator producing an extended electronic program guide from the
plurality of digital material data bases

12. The system according to claim 11, wherein the digital material is recorded
material that is time shifted data of predetermined live stream data.

13. The system according to claim 11, wherein the digital material data base includes,
for predetermined stored recorded material data, identification data, and at least one of
data representing : time recorded, time duration, actors/actresses, rating, and password.

14. The system according to claim 11, wherein at least one of the digital material is
recorded material that is time shifted data of predetermined live stream data.